

Fruits, Nuts, and Vegetables

APPLES: The state's apple producers picked 8 million pounds in 1998, up 14 percent from the previous year's crop. Despite the increase, prices averaged only 21 cents per pound and the value of the entire crop totaled \$1.7 million compared to 1997's \$2.4 million. The declining number of commercial orchards, coupled with continued damaging spring weather patterns, have reduced New Mexico apple output during the last decade.

Apples: Production, Price, and Value

Crop Year	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
1970	25,500	5.3	1,354
1975	11,000	12.5	1,375
1980	12,000	12.4	1,488
1985	10,000	13.4	1,340
1990	6,800	17.9	1,217
1994	8,000	21.9	1,752
1995	3,000	29.8	894
1996	5,000	31.2	1,560
1997 ^{1/}	7,000	33.9	2,373
1998	8,000	21.0	1,680

^{1/}Revised.

Apples: Utilized Production by County

County	Utilized Production				1998
	1994	1995	1996	1997 ^{1/}	
	-----1,000 Pounds-----				
Bernalillo, Valencia, Cibola	515	80	435	315	325
Chaves, Doña Ana, Otero	1,820	330	1,205	1,500	1,550
Grant, Sierra	705	5	370	365	420
Lincoln, Torrance	1,060	40	785	470	550
Rio Arriba	1,865	620	1,005	1,700	2,405
San Juan	1,350	1,010	700	785	790
Sandoval	390	885	275	1,700	1,750
Santa Fe, Taos ^{2/}	295	30	225	165	210
STATE	8,000	3,000	5,000	7,000	8,000

^{1/}Revised.

^{2/}1994 includes only Santa Fe.

